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SUBJECT: MORE TORTURE CLAIMS TO EUROPEAN COMMISSION

1. NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (NICRA) ANNOUNCED SEPT 10 INTENTIONS TO TAKE CASES OF SIX NORTHERN IRELAND MEN WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN BEATEN AND TORTURED BY ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) TO EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN STRASBOURG. THREE CASES AROSE OUT OF QUESTIONINGS IN COOKSTOWN IN DEC. 1975 AND THREE FROM INVESTIGATIONS IN BELFAST IN JUNE 1976. POLICE BROUGHT NO CHARGES ON ANY OF THESE CASES.

2. AS FAR AS KNOWN ARMY INVOLVED IN ONLY ONE OF THESE CASES, IN COOKSTOWN, IN WHICH SOLDIER AND POLICEMAN HAD ALLEGEDLY ASSAULTED SUSPECT. CHARGES WERE BROUGHT BUT ACCUSED ACQUITTED.

3. NICRA ACTION IN WEEK FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION REPORT OF 1971 TORTURE IS FOLLOW-UP TO CLAIM BY FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE REES THAT SUCH TECHNIQUES ABANDONED HERE. PRESS DESCRIPTIONS OF SIX COMPLAINTS PORTRAY POLICE AS UNCLASSIFIED

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